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LOK SABHA

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INCENTIVES TO THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have extended several incentives to the Food Processing Industries during the last three years with a view to promote exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the value of exports made from the country during the last three years; and

(d) the extent of investment made during each of the last three years ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (b) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 326 due for answer on 16th August, 2000.

(b): Government provide assistance under the Plan Schemes for development of food processing sector which also include units engaged in export production. The assistance provided in this regard include the following:-

(i) Provision of Grant/Loan for establishment of post harvest infrastructure and cold chain facilities for food processing, assistance for undertaking research and development, human resource development, for development and modernization of meat processing, strengthening of traditional fish processing technologies and marketing:-

(ii) Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging and strengthening of quality control including adoption of quality systems such as ISO 9000/HACCP at export units :

(iii) Arranging promotional campaigns such as buyer-seller meets and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions:

(iv) Setting up integrated cargo handling cold storage facilities at various international airports.

(c): The value of processed food items comprising of processed fruits and vegetables and other processed food items such as jaggery and confectionaries, cocoa products, cereal preparations, alcoholic beverages, milled products, guar gum, ground nuts, animal products, rice (Basmati & Non Basmati) and marine products exported during the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 are as follows :-

Year	Value (Rs. in Crores)
1996-97	10105
1997-98	11165
1998-99	13560

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta/APEDA, New Delhi/MPEDA, Cochin)

(d): The inflow of foreign direct investment and domestic investments approved during the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998- 99 in the food processing industries has been as follows :-

(Amount : Rs.in Crores)

Year	Amount of inflow of Foreign Direct Investment	Domestic Investment
1996-97	832.29	3273
1997-98	342.09	1988
1998-99	2038 94.75	

(Source: Deptt. Of Industrial Policy & Promotion)